

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Claims 1-3 and 6-23 are pending with claims 1-3 and 6-8 being independent. Claims 1-3 and 6-8 have been amended, claims 2, 3, 12-14 and 18-20 have been withdrawn, and claims 4, 5 and 24-29 have been canceled. Support for the amendments may be found in the application at, for example, page 27, line 19 to page 30, line 14. No new matter has been introduced.

The Office Action asserts that that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

Species I: Figure 2a.  
Species II: Figures 2b and 2c.  
Species III: Figures 3a and 3b.  
Species IV: Figure 4a.  
Species V: Figure 4b.  
Species VI: Figure 4c.  
Species VI: Figures 5a and 5b.  
Species VII: Figures 6a and 6b.

The Office Action asserts that there are currently no generic claims in the application. Applicant disagrees with this assertion because applicant believes claim 1 is generic with respect to all species.

In the interest of advancing prosecution, applicant elects Species IV, as shown by the exemplary implementation depicted by FIG. 4a in the application, upon which claims 1, 6-11, 15-17 and 21-23 are readable.

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Respectfully submitted,

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